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## CIRCUIT COURT

The case of the State against Ed Snyder, charged with complicity in the shooting of a party of miners at Glen White Mines in Raleigh County in November, 1917, was put on trial in the circuit court of Pocahontas county on Friday. The case was brought here on a change of venue from Beckley, Raleigh County. The first day was taken up in hearing the motion of the defendant for a continuance, which was overruled by Judge Summers H. Sharp. But a little while was taken up in getting a jury, but one man being excused. The opening for the State was made by Capt. S. B. Avis of Charleston, and for the defense by W. G. Barnhard, former District Attorney of Charleston.

Other attorneys connected with this case are Judge J. H. McGrath, a famous trial lawyer of Mercer County and a native of Greenbrier County, for the defense with F. R. Hill and L. M. McClintic. Aiding in the prosecution is Hon. C. W. Osenton, acting National Committeeman, who is also busy with the details of getting West Virginians to San Francisco, N. C. McNeil, J. E. Buckley, and Andrew Price.

The case grew out of the shooting at a cage full of miners as they came from their work in the mine at Glen White by a party of men ambushed on the mountain side near by. Hundreds of shots were fired, but no one was hurt. A number of the men implicated have been convicted or have confessed. The charge against Snyder is that while he was not one who actually took part in the shooting, he had a hand in planning and furnishing the arms and ammunition for the ambush.

In the fall of 1917, when the government was requiring every coal mine to produce its limit of coal or be taken over by the Fuel Administration, a strike was called at the Glen White Mine, and fifty of the four hundred miners employed went out. The mine continued to turn out its full quota of coal, the Fuel Administration refused to interfere, and then the strikers resorted to force and violence, and the bushwhacking party of November 16, 1917, was pulled off. Snyder was a member of the local union which called the strike.

More than a year went by before sufficient evidence could be had for indictments, but at the March term, 1919, of the criminal court of Raleigh County four indictments were returned, eight men being indicted jointly. The defendants elected to be tried separately and a trial was had against Tony L. Stafford. The first trial resulted in a hung jury, and the second trial in January resulted in a conviction of the defendant Stafford.

The charge is an attempt to commit murder and is a felony. Snyder is charged as an accessory before the fact.

The trial will probably last until Friday. Some of the witnesses estimate the number of shots fired at the miners fleeing from the cage to shelter to as high as three hundred. No one was hit. The distance fired was 900 feet and the bullet holes are numerous in the buildings around the mouth of the mine. The weapons used were Winchester, Mausers, shot guns and pistols.

One of the witnesses for the State, Mrs. Maggie Lethro, of Lester, who has been under guard, was attacked at a hotel in Bluefield and stabbed in the left side, the assailant making a wound four inches long but missing vital parts. She was able to come from Bluefield to Marlinton in a car but collapsed on getting here and is in the local hospital.

At Bluefield, the witness had retired for the night, the guards being in an adjoining room. Two men went up the elevator and knocked at her door. When she opened it the attack was made. Two men are under arrest who are believed to be the assailants.

Mrs. Lethro was on the witness stand on Monday afternoon, coming from the hospital accompanied by a nurse. She was apparently suffering much pain from the wound.

A hundred or more persons are here from Raleigh County, and have overflowed the town. Most of the visitors came by train, but many were brought overland by automobile. Most of them seem to be enjoying their stay in Marlinton, this good, clean, cool country town being a pleasant contrast to the mining communities. Among the visitors are a corps of State Constables who are standing around looking fine and handsome in their trim uniforms, in readiness if any body wants to start anything.

On Monday afternoon the State rested, having put on twenty or more witnesses. Many of these were on the stand for several hours.

The first witness was John Ransom, a miner, who was in the cage that was being fired upon. He said that 150 to 200 shots were fired from the mountain side. A bank car behind which he hid, was hit by a number of bullets.

John Gillispie was in the door of the wash house, 300 feet from the tippie. When the men came from the mine they go to this house to clean up. One bullet hit just above his head; several other bullets hit the house, and that he heard buckshot rattling on the iron roof. While the shooting was going on his little daughter, aged six years, came across the street. The men on the hill began to shoot at her—the bullets knocked up dust all around the child. He ran to her and carried her to a place of safety in the house.

Walter Phipps was near the tippie when the shooting commenced, and that 100 to 150 shots were fired. He got a Winchester from a nearby house and returned the fire. The men on the hill quit shooting and left. He visited the scene of the ambush that afternoon, and found eleven piles of shells, the piles being fifteen or twenty feet apart. Eighty shells and a number of loaded cartridges were picked up. Among them were Mauser, 38 Winchester, 45 automatic pistol and 12 gauge shot gun shells.

Tom McGinnis, one of the men indicted in the case, testified for the State. He was secretary of the local union, and testified that one Tony Stafford was in charge of the strike. Stafford said that when the Government decided against the strikers, the strikers determined that they would have to use force and violence, and that if McGinnis would get the men Stafford would get the guns and ammunition. That Stafford and Ed Snyder brought the guns. Snyder gave him a 45 Colts revolver, as McGinnis has but one arm. Snyder told him that he would wait in town, watch for officers and cut the telephone and telegraph wires if necessary. That ten men went on the mountain, and eight did the shooting, while he and Stafford stood watch against a surprise. That Snyder had advised them to make every shot count and shoot out the damned scabs; meaning by "scabs" the men who continued to work after the strike was called. That since his confession he had been closely guarded by Baldwin-Felts detectives, seven of these guards having been killed recently at Matewan.

Karl Kran, a Russian, one of the co-defendants under indictment, also testified for the State, corroborating McGinnis, as did Dorr Souffer and George Lucas, who were in the shooting up party.

Ed Snyder, the defendant, went on the stand in his own behalf Tuesday morning. He is thirty-two years old, married, lives at Lester, and gives his occupation as an ice cream man. At the time of the shooting up of the Glen White mines, he was a member of the Executive Council of District No. 29, United Mine Workers. This district extends from Gauley Bridge to Mataka on the Virginian Railway and as far east on the C. & O. as there is any coal mined. The strike was called October 21, 1917, and up to November 5 he acted as the official to issue orders for supplies to the strikers. He is a very tall, slender man with a black mustache. He has not belonged to the Union since January, 1918.

Snyder stated that when the shooting took place he was in front of the Wade Building in Lester, and was told by one Roy Bowling, that Glen White was being shot up. Had no knowledge beforehand that the shooting was to take place. Denied he ever made any statement to Tom McGinnis, that the mine should be shot up, and made specific denials that he had ever had any conversation with any of the State witnesses about the shooting.

Other witnesses for the defense testified as to the whereabouts of

Snyder on the day of the shooting. The jurors in the case are Z. S. Smith, C. L. Barlow, Willis Burner, J. R. Eubank, Walter Grimes, S. P. Landis, Mulvey Moore, C. M. Great-house, Earl Welford, C. C. McLaughlin, W. J. Yeager, Elmer Sharp.

The case will probably go to the jury today. A long murder trial is set for next Tuesday, June 15. It is that of George Maitelli, a Croat, charged with the murder of John Moso, a Slavonian, whose dead body was found in the forest on the head of Cranberry River last September. Something like a half a dozen dead bodies were found in the woods in various lonely places during the year 1919; and it looked like a Thug terror had started here. The defendant is being vigorously prosecuted by attorneys McClintic, Wolverton, and Hill, and defended by McNeil, Bratton and Price.

## CHURCH DEDICATION

The new Presbyterian church at Cass will be dedicated next Sunday, June 13. Rev. W. W. Bain, of Greva, Va.; and Rev. Asa Watkins, of Hampden Sidney, Virginia, former pastors of the church will be present.

The new building is one of the best in Pocahontas County.

## ALUMNI BANQUET

At the eighth annual commencement of Hillsboro High School, June 4th, 1920, the Alumni Association gave a banquet in honor of the class of 1920. In giving a banquet the Association instituted a new custom, which we hope will continue to be observed. Heretofore it has been customary to give only a social. Though all seemed to enjoy them, a banquet was deemed more appropriate owing to the quantity and quality of the class of 1920, thus increasing the ranks of the organization.

All report an enjoyable time.

The following guests were present: Misses Margaret LaRue, Sue Smith, Josephine Davis, Mary and Byrna Kincaid, and Lydia McNeel, Mr. and Mrs. Harr, Dr. McNeel, Messrs. M. L. Beard, G. B. Bartholomew and Porter McLaughlin.

The class representatives were: Edie Clutter, Mary Hill, Earl Carlisle, Josephine McNulty, Earl Beard, Eula Hill, Dewey Burr, Mattie Lewis, Lynn Beard, Margaret McClintic, Winters Hill.

This is the class of 1920. Margaret Pritchard, Mayo Beard, Ina Lewis, Glenna Aldridge—1919. Grace Gladwell, Lucy McLaughlin, Ebel Stillwell—1918.

Eva Beard, Miriam Hill Jones and Mr. Jones, Sherman Moore, Lawrence Warren—1917.

Carl Bruffley, Ralph Buckley—1916. William Cackley and Mrs. Cackley, Ruth Kline—1915. Henry Beard—1914.

The class of 1913 was not represented.

## HUNTSVILLE CHARGE

Methodist Church, Rev. Elmer C. Sloane, Pastor. Sunday June 13th. Preaching at Mt. Carmel 11:00 a. m., by Rev. C. B. Rutledge. Minnehaha Springs 3:00 p. m. and at Mt. Grove, 8:00 p. m. by Rev. O. H. Hipes. The pastor will be at Warm Springs this week and next assisting in a meeting. Revival services begin at Mt. Carmel, Sunday June 20, 8:00 p. m.

All day meeting at the Springs Thursday, July 1st.

## MARLINTON CIRCUIT, M. P. CHURCH

Rev. Paul Riegel, Pastor. Sunday June 13: Preaching at Buckeye 11 a. m. as usual by the pastor.

On Tuesday afternoon, June the first, at the home of Mrs. N. C. McNeil, the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, gave a linen shower to Mrs. E. M. Arbogast, who has been one of the most active members of the society. She left the same afternoon for her new home in Winchester, Kentucky. The best wishes of the society goes with her to her new home. Those present were Mrs. E. M. Arbogast, Mrs. W. J. Yeager, Mrs. Harry Byers, Mrs. W. N. Allen, Mrs. S. J. Rexford, Mrs. N. C. McNeil, Mrs. O. H. Kee, Mrs. J. M. Yeager, Mrs. T. S. McNeel, Mrs. B. B. Bartlett, Mrs. Meade Arbogast, Mrs. A. C. McCoy, Mrs. Marion Barr, Miss Julia Gay, Mrs. C. J. Richardson, Mrs. W. J. Hiner, Mrs. John S. Moore, Mrs. G. F. Crummett, Mrs. F. R. Hill, Mrs. J. W. Yeager.

Applicants for Elementary Certificates were: Misses Emma Burner, Lucie E. Baxter, Hallie V. Beverage, Opal V. Gunn, Bessie Hannah, Viola E. Johnston, Agnes Jackson, Amy Moore, Mary Madge Moore, Blanche Pritchard, Delphia Rhoads, Clara Sweets, Margaret C. Sharp, Lella Wooddell, Gladys G. White, Bessie T. Workman, Iva B. Taylor, Mrs. Elsie Sue Gilmore, Georgiana Hill, (col.) Dennis W. Perry, W. A. Holen (colored).—21.

Renovals—Flossie M. Conrad, Rebecca F. McKeever, Clyde V. Grimes, Mary Bradford Grimes, Flora Gillispie, Georgia Sharp, Annie Sullivan, Eva Jones, Wilson, Arden Killingsworth, Elsie Adkison.—10.

Lots of frost reported from the higher ground on Monday morning. The thermometer registered 36 at Marlinton.

A large crowd attended the Woodmen memorial service at Swago last Sunday. The sermon was preached by Rev. K. D. Swecker.

## MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL

The town council met in regular monthly session Monday night. In the absence of Mayor F. R. Hill, Recorder Rexrode presided.

John Wagh continued on duty as special policeman at the monthly salary of \$60.

Decided, by unanimous vote of council to enforce the Hog Law of Marlinton, which during the war was suffered to lapse. The ordinance requires that no hog be kept in the corporate limits nearer than five hundred feet from any residence. The Sergeant and special police ordered to enforce the ordinance; also the laws in reference to unauthorized live stock running at large in town, which permits one milk cow to each family.

The sergeant required to see that all open latrines in the town limits be kept in a sanitary condition, or cleaned out at the owners expense, and costs assessed against his taxes.

There being no one present to represent the Marlinton Ice Company, the council adjourned until Monday night at 8:00 p. m., to come to a definite understanding with the ice company as to terms on which steam will be continued to them. The increased consumption of coal at the light plant, due to day current and furnishing steam to the ice plant is getting to be a serious financial question, together with the enormous increase in the price of coal and uncertainty of supply for the future. During May, three cars of coal were purchased, aggregating 237,000 lbs. at a cost near \$900, which is barely a six week supply at present rate of consumption of the kind of coal, which is not up to the standard red ash.

Current accounts approved for payment in order as funds are available. In view of the very limited amount of money in the town treasury, near the vanishing point in fact, it is necessary to exercise the closest economy.

Huntsville.—Mrs. Faye Mervyne and son William, of Cleveland, Ohio, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Grose, this week.—Some much needed work has been done on road here the past week. With the coming of a Class A road this way Huntsville seems to be reviving up once again. We can now boast of three stores, two churches, one hotel, one blacksmith shop, one two-room graded school building and a population of 93. Only two houses at present are vacant.—We are sorry to see our old friend Fred Fox, defeated, but if we are going to have a democratic government let us have it. It is only fair to pass the pie around. No one has a right to a second and third piece while others just as good get none.

County Court was in session last Friday to act on the report of County Engineer Frank Baxter on the work to be done with the money for the proposed bond issue of Greenbank District for road purposes. The court set Saturday, July 10th as the date for the election. It requires a three-fifths vote to carry. The petitioners numbered 425, more than 25 per cent of the vote cast for governor in the election of 1916.

S. L. Brown, local observer, makes the following report for the month of May: Hottest 82 degrees on 31st, coldest 24 degrees on 3rd and 15th; mean maximum 66 degrees, mean minimum 39 degrees, mean 52 degrees. Total rainfall 3.05 inches, greatest in 24 hours 1.15 inches on 12th. Rain on 8 days; 5 clear days, 19 partly cloudy, 7 cloudy. Killing frosts on 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 15th and 16th.

There are a number of cases of measles in Marlinton.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Strausser, a son, June 8, 1920.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bussard, a daughter.

Born to Ernest Smith and wife (colored) near Warwick, May 21st a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ed McCloud at August, June 2nd, a daughter.

"MEET ME AT THE 'OLE SWIMMING HOLE"

PROGRAM AMUSU THEATRE Court Week

FRIDAY—Evelyn Greeley in "Hit or Miss"

SATURDAY—"When Bearcat Went Dry"—A stirring tale of life in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky

MONDAY—Two reel comedy, two reel western and serial.

TUESDAY—Paramount night—Jack Pickford in "The Dummy"

WEDNESDAY—All star cast in "Devils Trail"

THURSDAY—Beginning the million dollar serial "Silent Avenger" featuring "William Duncan"

COMING SATURDAY—Lieut. Locklear in "The Great Air Robbery." \$100.00 Reward if any of the dare devil stunts are faked in any way.

## ONOTO

A fine rain Friday & Saturday of last week, which was much needed in this section, and has revived everything in the way of vegetation.

Thomas Knapp of Reedy, W. Va., accompanied by Mary Lee Knapp and Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Carter were visiting friends and relatives in Marlinton Tuesday.

Mrs. Nancy Newcomer of Iron-Gate Va., Mrs. Susan Carter of Marlinton, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wanless, of Wanless, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. C. Aldridge this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Moore of Kansas City, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Baxter this week. They are also visiting many of their old friends and relatives in this community.

Mrs. Faith E. Baxter is visiting at the home of Mrs. J. M. Baxter, this week.

C. V. Hanlin and family accompanied by Miss Hazel Shoemaker and Miss Mamie Tyler attended the Woodmen service at Buckeye Sunday afternoon.

Miss Grace Barlow has returned from a visit to Huntington.

Geo. A. C. Aldridge has returned from Beckley and Lester, where he was sent to bring back 10 witnesses in the famous trial that was transferred from Raleigh county to Pocahontas. Mr. Aldridge tells us that he was treated white by the citizens of Beckley, and that there are fine people there.

## A CORRECTION

In the table of the election returns printed last week, the vote for B. B. Beard at the Greenbank precinct was put at 98. This was a typographical error, and should have been 98. There were 99 votes cast at this precinct and Mr. Beard got all but one.

Charleston.—When a photographer's flashlight outfit exploded outside a moving picture theater here it created a panic in the theater. Several persons were injured.

Charleston.—According to early reports from the Census Bureau in Washington, the rural population in West Virginia has fallen from 5 to 10 per cent since 1910.

Charleston.—Three suits totaling \$20,000 have been filed against the John Robinson Circus by Mrs. G. V. Treen, who was injured here when circus horses ran away.

Petroleum.—G. P. Middleton, 36, may die from injuries sustained when his leg was caught in the governor belt of a gas engine and he was dashed around many times.

Simmons.—C. G. Blackwell, N. & W. brakeman, was painfully injured here when he was swept from a box car by a guide wire for a telephone post. He has recovered, however.

Belington.—Biler Phillips, charged with the murder of his uncle, who was killed while engaged in a wrestling match with Phillips, has been freed by a jury in Criminal Court.

Moundsville.—Following an investigation by federal officers, it has been announced here that Tony Surazza, a prisoner in the state penitentiary, will be deported upon his release.

Morgantown.—West Virginia University students who have been on a "thirst" strike have won over local drink dispensers, who agreed to sell drinks, at prices set by the students.

Hinton.—As a result of a clash over methods of conducting revival services the Baptist Church here is divided into two factions and the State Supreme Court has been asked to pass on the question.

Wheeling.—A stone weighing about eight tons completely blocked the Big Wheeling Creek road and cut off the gas supply for that section when it slid into a gap marking the entrance to the valley.

Bluefield.—When local wholesalers refused to sell goods to a "penny profit" store here, an appeal was made to the Department of Justice. Agents are striving to settle the controversy without making arrests.

Matewan.—Charges that coal companies in Mingo county were discharging and evicting miners who join a union were made in a telegram sent Attorney General Palmer by Fred Mooney, secretary of District 17, United Mine Workers of America.

Charleston.—Rev. A. N. Slayton, pastor of the Protestant Episcopal church, has been appointed chaplain to Bishop Gravatt, and will accompany him to England to attend the world Episcopal conference.

Clarksburg.—Mrs. Nathan Goff, widow of the late Senator Goff, has accepted an invitation from the secretary of the navy to act as sponsor of the torpedo boat Goff, which was named in recognition of services performed by Senator Goff while secretary of the navy.

NOTICE The Loyal Order Moose will hold their annual memorial service on the 3rd Sunday of June in the afternoon, at the Methodist Church. All members are requested to meet at the Hall at 1:30 o'clock, prompt.

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2 prs of ladies' black silk hose	1.25
Goods grade of boys' union suits	50
Boys' blouses only	59
Children's sandals at	89
Children's white shoes and slippers at	1.00
Children's fine grade slippers in gun metal and patent leather 1 and straps only	2.00
7 prf of men's work shoes at	2.50
3 prs of men's low top Dayton shoes at	4.50
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